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SUBJECT: CHILD CARE -- SAFE CHILD INITIATIVE

CROSS REFERENCE: DES Administrator's Memo 99-09.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

PURPOSE

This memo reminds county/tribal agencies of the available Child Care – Safe Child Initiative allocation for CY2000 and the intended use of these dollars.

BACKGROUND

The Child Care – Safe Child Initiative dollars first became available for the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 for counties and October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999 for tribes. The dollars were identified in an addendum to the IM Contract. The intent for the use of those dollars was to:

- Increase the number of home visits made to certified providers in order to ensure children are cared for in a healthy and safe environment.
- Provide additional technical assistance; training and/or information to certified providers and to providers who are prospective certified providers

Additional Safe Child Initiative dollars were allocated for the year 2000 as a part of the IM contract. DES Administrator's Memo 99-09 identifies these dollars.

Several county/tribal agencies did not use these Child Care – Safe Child Initiative dollars that were allocated for 1999. Also, several county/tribal agencies have not used any or very little of the Safe Child Initiative dollars for CY 2000.

CHILD CARE – SAFE CHILD INITIATIVE DOLLARS

Child Care – Safe Child Initiative dollars are available for CY 2000. \$500,000 was allocated based on the ratio of the number of certified providers in each county/tribe as of April 1999 based on a survey completed by certifiers. The minimum amount budgeted for an agency was \$2,000.

County allocations will be increased in the CY 2001 IM contracts. The use of the dollars is also going to be expanded to allow for expenditures to meet certification standards or to improve child care quality. For instance, county/tribal agencies may want to use the CY 2001 funding for:

- Paying the cost of the 15 hour certification course
- Paying for water tests required by certification rules
- Paying for the required TB skin test
- Purchasing materials to increase the safety for children in certified care

Allowable costs associated with the Child Care – Safe Child Initiative must be reported to the Department on the appropriate Community Aids Reporting System (CARS) Expenditure Report, on CARS profile #845 (CC – Safe Child). The Department will reimburse the county/tribe 100% up to the contract level on profile #845 for allowable expenses.

The Division of Economic Support encourages agencies to use these Safe Child Initiative dollars to improve the health, safety and development of children in certified child care.

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